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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF
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In response to the Office Action of November 20, 2002, please amend claims 1 and 3 and add new dependent claims 5-14, to read as set forth below:

CLAIMS

In the Claims

1. (Amended) A device for clamping and ablating cardiac tissue comprising:
- a first handle member;
 - a second handle;